



EASTHAMPSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT
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Dr. L. H. Brearley,
Medical Officer of Health



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(as at 31st December, 1964)

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(as at 31st December, 1964)

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To the CHAIRMAN and MEMBERS of the PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
EASTHAMPSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

I present herewith my Annual Report on the state of the Public Health in this district during the year 1964. The report incorporates that of the Engineer and Surveyor on council housing and sewage disposal and that of the Chief Public Health Inspector on general environmental health and refuse collection and disposal.

Comments on the various aspects of public health will be given in conjunction with the various statistical tables.

This will be my last Report prior to taking up my new appointment in Oxfordshire and I wish to record my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their support, to the other Chief Officers of the Council for their tolerance and to the staff of the Public Health Department for their hardworking loyalty.

L. H. BREARLEY

Medical Officer of Health.

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GENERAL ENVIRONMENT

AIR

The Council have approved in principle that Bracknell be covered with a phased programme of smoke control areas and the initial area of some 1,100 houses has been selected; the matter now rests for the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to confirm this action. Clean air is as essential for health as clean food and clean water, it is ironic that whereas the varied but harmless smells often present in the countryside arouse passions, the far more dangerous common atmospheric pollutants are often accepted as inevitable.

It now remains for the extended area of Bracknell to be built in such a manner that only smokeless fuels can be used, to achieve in time a completely smoke controlled town.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

It has not yet been possible to obtain land for long term refuse disposal and the need for such land becomes more and more urgent. Considerable work has been done on the existing tip improving the visual standard of it and preparing it for final landscaping. In the last year the experiment has been tried of leaving an open compound into which the public can dispose of rubbish at weekends, the marked use of this compound has shown the need for an area of this nature but it has proved to be extremely difficult to control, indeed it has become necessary to close the compound and open the tip itself so that the public can use it under supervision. The disposal of old vehicles is another problem, the removal of car bodies and disposal in the tip by the authority is expensive in time and manpower, the time must come when several authorities join forces to provide facilities for a vehicle disposal station, whether operated by the local authority or by a professional breaker working under local authority control.

SEWAGE

Certain areas in the district still need to be served by sewer extensions, notably the Maidens Green, the London Road and Kings Ride areas in Winkfield, and Murrell Hill in Binfield; reference should be made to the Engineer and Surveyor's Report for work in hand and work planned. Some of the existing sewage works are overloaded and the relief or reconstruction of these is urgent; if development of housing must continue, then it is imperative that the works be provided or enlarged to keep slightly ahead of the development and ahead of the increase in water borne sewage that accompanies a rising standard of living.

FOOD

By and large, the handling of food in shop shops is reasonably good, when the town centre is fully developed it may be practical to run courses on food hygiene and food handling. The standard of display of food in shops was again reasonable but grounds for improvement lay in the open stalls in the Market where fish, meat and cakes were exposed for sale. The delivery of food was not always good, for example it was found that fish was being left in the early morning on the pavements in broken cases outside shops, and that cream buns were being left in open packages in a shop doorway, however the firms concerned made suitable arrangements when their notice was drawn to this practice.

The majority of complaints received regarding food seemed to be the presence of foreign matter in the food rather than deterioration of the actual foodstuff, or the presence of mould growth which is encouraged by modern packaging and several prosecutions were successfully taken during the year under Section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955 (see Chief Public Health Inspector's Section). Faulty stock rotation in the shops accounted for most of the complaints of mould growths, it has been suggested that there should be date stamping of packages but since the same type of food could be exposed in different shops to a wide variation of handling and storage techniques, date stamping alone would not be of any great help.

HOUSING

During the last year, the public enquiry into the Owlsmoor Clearance Area was held. With minor amendments, the making of the Clearance Area was confirmed by the Minister and work has commenced in laying the sewers for the area. When this area is dealt with, there will remain no large single area of unfit housing in the District. By and large there is not a great problem with unfit houses in the District, 50% of the houses being built in the last fifteen years. The growing industrial area however attracted people seeking accommodation and this was reflected in a substantial list for Local Authority housing, a caravan is by nature of it's construction, a temporary substandard dwelling and I would not recommend the establishment of caravan sites to relieve a shortage in housing.

GENERAL STATISTICS

The future extension of the New Town is now confirmed, when completed the district with the exception of the northern parishes and the Crown lands in the Southern part, will be more an urbanised area than a rural area, and the population will remain a relatively young population. 1964 showed only a slight increase in births over the preceeding year with the same number of illegitimate births.

There were no maternal deaths and considerably fewer infant deaths and peri-natal deaths. The still birth rate however was only slightly lower than the preceeding year. There was a considerable natural increase of population with some 65.5% of births taking place in hospital.

Causes of Still Birth

Congenital Malformation	3 (Anencephalic 2. Imperforate Anus 1)
Asphyxia and Anoxia	6 (Accidental Haemorrhage of mother 3) (Placental Insufficiency 3)
Hypertension of Mother	1
Rhesus Incompatibility	1
Cord Entanglement	1 (Elderly mother, some prematurity of infant)
Post Maturity	1

Causes of Early Neonatal Death (in first week of life)

Prematurity	5 (1 associated with gross renal abnormalities)
Atelectasis	3 (1 associated with Prematurity) (1 associated with Congenital Heart Disease) (1 associated with Maternal Toxaemia)
Intracranial Haemorrhage	1

Other Causes of Infant Deaths (in first year of life)

Asphyxia	2 (Home Accidents)
Congenital Heart Disease	2
Broncho Pneumonia (and Gastro-Enteritis)	1
Road Accident	1

The actual death rate remained low in the area, with twelve deaths occurring as a result of road accidents. The principle causes of death are shown below:-

Principle Causes of Death (% of total) 1964

Malignant Disease (all forms)	18.2%
Vascular lesions of nervous systems	14.6%
Coronary Disease	20.1%
Other heart Diseases	13.5%
Other circulatory Diseases	3.0%

Of the malignant diseases, cancer of the lung was responsible for 30.3% of the deaths from cancer.

Area (in acres)				27,610
Number of inhabited houses accordingly to Rate Book at 31st March, 1965				14,052
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1965				£2,418,037
Product of a Penny rate for the year ended 31st March, 1965				£9,303
Population (estimated mid-year)				51,210
Live Births:	Male	Female	Total	
Legitimate	534	535	1,069	
Illegitimate	22	27	<u>49</u>	
			<u>1,118</u>	
Live Birth Rate (actual) (per 1,000 population)				21.83
Live Birth Rate (corrected for adult age and sex distribution) (per 1,000 population)				18.12
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births				4.38%
Still Births:	Male	Female	Total	
	8	6	14	
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 live and still births)				12.37
Total Live and Still Births				1,132
Infant Deaths :	Male	Female	Total	
Legitimate	8	6	14	
Illegitimate	1	-	<u>1</u>	
			<u>15</u>	

Infant Death Rate (per 1,000 live births)

Legitimate..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12.51
Illegitimate .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	0.89
TOTAL	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13.40
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	..	..											20.43

Neo-natal Death Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) 8.05

Early Neo-natal Death Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live
births 8.05

Peri-natal Death Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined
per 1,000 live and still births) 19.45

Maternal Deaths NIL

Maternal Death Rate (per 1,000 live and still births) NIL

Death (all causes)	Male	Female	TOTAL
	181	182	363

Death Rate (actual) (1,000 population) 7.09

Death Rate (corrected) (per 1,000 population). 9.71

Causes of Death		Male	Female
All Causes		181	182
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	2
2.	Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3.	Syphilitic disease	-	2
4.	Diphtheria	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infection	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8.	Measles	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	4
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	16	4
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	6
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	20	12
15.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-
16.	Diabetes	-	-
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	21	32
18.	Coronary disease, angina	38	35
19.	Hypertensions with heart disease	3	1
20.	Other heart disease	16	29
21.	Other circulatory disease	6	5
22.	Influenza	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	8	11
24.	Bronchitis	13	2
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	1
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	1
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	3	-
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
31.	Congenital malformations	1	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	17	21
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	9	3
34.	All other accidents	3	4
35.	Suicide	4	2
36.	Homicide and operations of war	-	-

MORTUARY

The mortuary at the rear of the Council Offices continues to serve a wide area. Post mortems are undertaken by the Coroner's Pathologist.

Total Turnover	54
Number of Post Mortems	47
Average length of storage_	5 days

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The year was relatively free from infectious diseases. The two cases of Malaria occurred in soldiers contracting the disease abroad before coming into the country. Dysentery remains fairly widespread but by no means all cases are notified or reported to the local authority. The food poisoning cases notified were isolated incidences - only one case of salmonella infection being found. An outbreak occurred in an Agricultural Laboratory of Clostridium Welchii infection, nineteen people (eleven proved positive) being infected. The source of infection lay in minced meat obtained as such from a butcher in another Authorities area. The minced meat also showing evidence of being heavily fly blown, when kept. The other local authority was informed in order that the condition at the suppliers could be investigated.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

Typhoid Fever	0
Paratyphoid	0
Meningococcal Infection	1
Scarlet Fever	12
Whooping Cough	72
Diphtheria	0
Erysipelas	6
Smallpox	0
Measles	304
Pneumonia	3
Acute Poliomyelitis	
(a) Paralytic	0
(b) Non-Paralytic	0
Food Poisoning	5
Dysentery	46
Puerperal Pyrexia	5
Malaria	2
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1

Tuberculosis

The number of new cases notified remained fairly constant with little change in the total number on the Register. No cases were found in people working in contact with the young.

Notifications of Tuberculosis

<u>Age Groups</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-
1 year	-	-	-	-
2 - 4 years	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 years	1	-	-	-
10-14 years	-	-	-	-
15-19 years	-	-	-	-
20-24 years	-	-	-	-
25-34 years	2	1	-	-
35-44 years	-	-	-	-
45-54 years	1	-	-	-
55-64 years	1	1	-	-
65-74 years	2	-	-	-
75 and over	-	1	-	-
	7	3	-	-

The number on the Register at 31st December, 1964, was as follows:-

	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>
Males	192	12
Females	127	7

IMMUNISATION

Immunisation is performed mostly by General Practitioners on behalf of the Local Health Authority, to whom I am indebted for the figures in the Tables.

The following immunisation was carried out during the year:

TRIPLE (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus)

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Booster</u>
Under 1 year	730	-
1 year	243	131
2 - 4 years	104	657
5 - 14 years	21	37
15 years	10	-
	<u>1,108</u>	<u>825</u>

DIPHTHERIA/TETANUS

Under 1 year	49	-
1 year	31	-
2 - 4 years	18	25
5 - 15 years	Nil	20
	<u>98</u>	<u>45</u>

WHOOPING COUGH

Under 1 year	28	-
1 year	29	11
2 years	8	6
3 years	-	Nil
4 years	-	14
5 years	-	14
	<u>65</u>	<u>45</u>

B. C. G. vaccination against Tuberculosis is offered (with parents consent) to all school children in the senior schools who, following a skin test, show that they may be susceptible to this infection.

BCG

Ranelagh, Bracknell	42
Borough Green County Secondary School, Bracknell	87
Wick Hill County Secondary School, Bracknell	107
Edgebarrow County Secondary School, Crowthorne	88
	<u>324</u>

The following children and adults were vaccinated against Smallpox during 1964:-

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Revaccination</u>
4 - 6 months	19	
7 - 9 months	157	
10 - 12 months	397	
1 year	177	
2 - 4 years	51	23

	<u>Primary</u>	<u>Revaccination</u>
5 - 14 years	16	127
15 - 20 years		201
21 - 40 years		88
40 and over		27

The following children and adults were vaccinated against Poliomyelitis during 1964:-

<u>Age Groups</u>	2nd Salk	3rd Salk	3 Orals	2 Oral after 2 Salk	4th Salk	4th Oral
Born 1960-1964	3		918			
Born before 1960			156			
All Ages		23		48		
5 - 12 years					3	781

HEALTH EDUCATION

Display material has continued to be used and films on home accidents shown to groups of expectant mothers. An additional film on mouth to mouth resuscitation has been shown to the same groups and the "Home Accident" handbook has been published for distribution to various organisations.

Talks have continued to be given by the Cancer Information Association to various groups in the area and a commencement has been made in extending the talks backed by films on "Smoking and Lung Cancer" and "mouth to mouth" resuscitation" to parent teacher groups in schools. Anti-smoking posters have continued to be displayed on hoardings in the area.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The degree of malicious damage to these Conveniences has been reasonably low but unfortunately due to faulty initial construction, they were out of action from mid- August 1964 to mid--February 1965. A number of main roads traverse the District and consideration should seriously be given to establishing Conveniences on land open to the public near these roads.

EASTHAMPSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
REPORT OF THE ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR
FOR THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

SEWAGE TREATMENT

The reconstruction of the biological filters at the Easthampstead Park Sewage Treatment Works is now proceeding after considerable delay due to the Ministry asking for detailed Reports showing why the Council should not close this Works and pump the sewage to Sandhurst. Steady progress continues to be made on the Crowthorne and Sandhurst main drainage scheme, although the Consulting Engineers have had to adopt stern measures after prolonged delay on the construction of the new Pumping Station No.6 in Dukes Ride, Crowthorne.

Projects at Winkfield and Binfield are progressing slowly, although the foul sewers at North Street, Forest Road and Terrace Road have been completed. As regards the Maidenhead Road area, discussions are being held with the Bracknell Development Corporation to ascertain the feasibility of making connections to their sewers. The Maidens Green sewerage scheme has been further delayed due to difficulties in land acquisition which has retarded progress on construction of the Brock Hill Gravity foul sewer.

Various surface water sewerage schemes have been delayed due to shortage of staff in my Department, but the East Crowthorne Trunk foul sewer, and Sandhurst Relief foul sewer should provide some relief for Little Sandhurst trouble spots. Satisfactory progress continues on construction of the Owlsmoor trunk foul sewer and in the preparation of the scheme for the Owlsmoor redevelopment area.

There have been a greater number of sewer blockages this year than hitherto, necessitating many hours of hard work in unpleasant conditions, and a start has been made on the survey of all existing public foul sewers.

EASTHAMPSTEAD PARK CEMETERY

A contract for site clearance, fencing, cultivating and seeding the land for the Cemetery, was let as a matter of urgency and has been completed so that if necessary burials can take place immediately. The Council has decided that the Cemetery should be laid out as a lawn type common cemetery.

SWIMMING POOL

Due to ideal weather conditions the 1964 Season proved exceptionally good. The new Cafe, coupled with excellent catering staff was a tremendous success, but the changing accommodation, although improved, was still inadequate. Some improvements to the changing accommodation are going forward at the present time and further improvements are planned.

The Central Council for Physical Recreation held Courses on swimming instruction for both children and adults; both Courses were well attended. Bracknell Swimming Club once again devoted much time and energy to teaching young people to swim and have kindly offered to provide the Officials for the inter-schools Swimming Galas to be sponsored by the Council for both junior and secondary schools.

SPORTS STADIUM

After prolonged debate the Council agreed to proceed with the construction of the large multi-purpose hall and ancillary facilities at the Bracknell Sports Stadium. The demand for the use of the facilities available at the Stadium continues to increase to such an extent that talks have been taking place with the Berkshire Education Authority with a view to more extensive use being made of Playing Fields etc. in the area.

STREET CLEANSING

The Council has now completed the first year of street cleansing work, and although difficulties have arisen in recruiting labour, the programme of work has been maintained. Much has been said and written in the press about Bracknell being a dirty Town, and it is undoubtedly true that large quantities of refuse are picked up from the streets each week.

HOUSING SCHEMES COMPLETED DURING THE YEAR 1964.

The development at Coleridge Close, Crowthorne, including Rothwell House Old Persons Unit, was completed in the Autumn, and 25 flatlets plus 6 bungalows were thereby added to the stock of Council accommodation. The unit was officially opened by Lt. Col. C. D. Burnell, D. S. O., O. B. E., T. D., D. C.

HOUSING SCHEMES IN PROGRESS, OR ABOUT TO COMMENCE

It is with pleasure that I am able to report considerably greater progress during the past year, and that work will commence at Roebuck, Binfield, in January 1965. The accommodation to be provided at Roebuck will consist of 26 houses and garages, and in addition to these, work has just commenced on 24 2-bedroomed REEMA flats at Barn Farm, Bracknell, and, very shortly, a road and sewer contract will go out to tender for Stage 1 of the Owlsmoor re-development housing scheme.

FUTURE HOUSING SCHEMES

A scheme for 8 units of accommodation at Red Rose, Binfield, should be out to tender early in 1965, and the next schemes likely to come to fruition are for 6 units at Prince Villa, Little Sandhurst, and 2 units at New Road, Sandhurst.

The scheme for flats at Napier Road, Crowthorne, has been delayed in an endeavour to purchase additional land to make the scheme more comprehensive; should the attempt to acquire additional land not be successful, development of the area will still be able to go forward.

When the work for stage 1 development at Owlsmoor is well in hand, the Council's Consultant Architects for the housing development will be arranging for the first 30 houses to go out to tender. It is hoped that the road and sewers contract for stage 2 of the Owlsmoor development will be able to start in 1966, but progress is being prejudiced by staffing difficulties in my Department.

During the year planning applications have been submitted by the Council for a Caravan Site and/or site for temporary housing development at Easthampstead Park, and for an extension of the Osmans Close Housing Estate. The County Planning Committee have refused permission in both cases and their decision on an application for a Caravan Site at Osmans Close is awaited.

In Bracknell the Bagshot Road re-development scheme has been very seriously held up on the matter of land acquisition, partly because of delays in the District Valuer's Office but also because of the lack of knowledge of the Development Corporation's proposals for the area.

The key to progress in many cases still lies in the availability of suitable land for building, and the difficulties the Council experiences in acquiring any such land that is available. Negotiations have commenced towards the acquisition of further land at School Hill, Little Sandhurst, together with further land at Prince Villa. Land acquisition at Owlsmoor to provide for future stages of development has continued throughout the year.

HOUSING MODERNISATION AND IMPROVEMENTS

During the past year work has gone forward on a modernisation scheme at Hatchett Lane, Cranbourne, and the scheme at Osmans Close, Winkfield. These works will be completed in 1965 and the only houses that will then remain to be modernised will be 4 houses in Broadmoor Road. Money has been included in the Capital Estimates for 1965 for these 4 units to be modernised.

BARNETT COURT, SWAN HOUSE AND ROTHWELL HOUSE

The House Committee has now been extended to cover all three Old Persons Units, and has continued to meet regularly to deal with management and welfare matters. During the year progress has been made in the provision of further amenities, including Garden furniture and refrigerators.

CAR PARKING AND GARAGES

The national trend towards increased car ownership and usage has been reflected in conditions on the Council's Estates wherever there is a shortage of garages and parking space. It is clear that this problem will be with the Council for some time to come and it is hoped that a start may be made during 1965 on some provision to ease the situation.

H. CHARLESWORTH.
Engineer and Surveyor.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

WATER SUPPLY

The water supply of the area has been satisfactory in quality and quantity generally throughout the year. Piped water supply is available in every parish, and is supplied as follows:-

Parish of Winkfield	- The South West Suburban Water Co., The Causeway, Staines.
Parishes of Bracknell, Crowthorne Sandhurst, Easthampstead, Binfield & Warfield.	- The Mid-Wessex Water Co., Frimley Green, Surrey.

There are less than $\frac{1}{2}\%$ of the properties in the Rural District not connected to the public supply.

During the year, 11 samples of water were taken, as follows:-

Bacteriological

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>No. of Samples.</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory.</u>
Bracknell	8	8	Nil.

Chemical

One Chemical analysis was taken during the year of mains water from Bracknell, which showed that the water was of good chemical purity, with no evidence of pollution, and of moderate hardness.

Hardness

Two hardness samples were taken as follows:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u>	<u>Total Hardness as Calcium. Carbonate</u>	
		<u>Parts per Million</u>	<u>Clark</u>
Bracknell	1	240	16.0 ⁰
"	1	208	13.9 ⁰
	Standard =		12.0 ⁰

During the year the Mid-Wessex Water Company were engaged in building extensions and improvements to the softening plant at Beenhams Heath, which will enable a better degree of softness to be maintained regularly.

Fluorine Content of Water

The Parish of Winkfield derives its supply from the South West Suburban Water Company whose water has a fluorine content of less than 0.1 parts per million - an insignificant quantity as would be anticipated from a river water source.

The remainder of the Rural District derives its supply from the Mid Wessex Water Company. Prior to 1950, this water had a high fluorine content naturally occurring of 1.4 parts per million. From 1950 to 1958 due to increased demands, supplementary water of a low fluorine content (0.1 - 0.25 parts per million) has been added affecting mainly Sandhurst, Crowthorne, and parts of Easthampstead parishes, and reducing the fluorine content in these areas to a level of 0.6 - 0.9 parts per million; Warfield, Binfield and Bracknell remaining unaffected. From 1958 additional low fluorine water has further reduced the levels to 0.4 to 0.7 parts per million in the southern area and to 0.7 to 0.9 parts per million in the northern area. It is anticipated by the Company that over the whole of these areas the fluorine content will become stabilized at 0.6 to 0.8 parts per million in the next few years.

Plumbo-Solvent Action

The water supplied in this district is not liable to have plumbo-solvent action.

Stand-Pipes

There are no houses in the Rural District supplied by means of stand-pipes.

Main Drainage

The arrangements for sewerage and sewage disposal in the district are good, and reference should be made to the report of the Engineer and Surveyor on this subject.

REFUSE AND SALVAGE - COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

(a) Collection Service

Refuse vehicle GMO.419 was so badly burned that it was not serviceable in July 1964, and reconstruction was considered too costly by our Insurers. As this was the only machine fitted with lifting gear for bulk loading large containers, it was essential to get some form of similar equipment immediately. The makers, Messrs. Shelvoke and Drewry, were unable to help, but we were able to hire a vehicle temporarily from Walton and Weybridge U. D. C. for use on Saturday mornings an example of cordial and most helpful co-operation by a neighbouring Authority. At the same time the firm were approached for the supply of a replacement vehicle, and were able to offer a new TZ 25 cu.yd. Fore and Aft Tipper, fitted for bulk loading, and we took delivery of this on 26th October, 1964.

It was agreed that a Pilot Scheme for Paper Sacks be commenced in the financial year 1964/65, and a scheme covering 75 privately owned houses and bungalows in Wentworth Avenue, Ascot, and 75 Council Houses in Fernbank Place, Ascot, using two different kinds of sack holders and sacks, was put into operation in October 1964.

(b) Disposal - Controlled Tip

Following complaints of roadside litter in the district a special dumping area was constructed near the entrance to the tip, and came into operation in October, 1963. Also, the charge for disposal was removed in an attempt to encourage people to use the tip for the disposal of rubbish. A contractor was employed to collect, periodically, dumps of rubbish on road sides within the Rural District area.

The Engineer and Surveyor's Department completed a survey of the Tip and prepared a plan of its final layout as playing fields. Negotiations were begun for the use for refuse disposal of a sandpit and the purchase of a disused brick works.

(c) Salvage and Litter Collection

The only salvage dealt with was that collected, by the Ford 3 cu.yd. side loader, from shops. The figures for this vehicle for the year in question are as follows:-

SALVAGE SALES

Materials	1963			1964		
	Tons/cwts	£.	s. d.	Tons/cwts	£.	s. d.
Paper	59.16 $\frac{1}{2}$	505.	13. 3.	28.13 $\frac{1}{4}$	249.	3. 0.

(d) Litter Collection

The Ford 3 cu.yd. side loader continued to be used during the year for collection from litter bins and salvage from shops. The figures for this vehicle for the year in question are as follows:-

	Litter Bins	Salvage	Misc.	Petrol Used (gals)	Miles	Miles per Gallon
XJB 96	429	1006	125	376	6768	18.0

REFUSE COLLECTION

Vehicle	Number of Loads	Approx Vol. of Refuse Cu. Yds.	Miles Travelled	Gallons Used (Diesel)	Miles per Gallon
CRX. 247B (New Vehicle - 25 cu. yd)	127	3, 175	1, 352	219	6.2
Pakamatic 310. ERX (50 cu. yds)	484	24, 200	4, 498	1, 076	4.2
S & D YRX. 582 (25/30 cu. yds. -fore and aft tipper with Power Press)	694	20, 820	6, 357	1, 206	5.3
S & D WBL. 317 (25/30 cu. yds - fore and aft tipper with Power Press)	547	16, 410	10, 354	1, 585	6.5
Karrier RBL. 350 (25 cu. yds fore and aft tipper)	732	18, 300	6, 496	741	8.8
S & D. JRX. 119 (20/22 cu. yds - fore and aft tipper with Power Press)	476	10, 472	4, 995	795	6.3
S & D. GMO. 419 (16/18 cu. yds - fore and aft tipper)	288	5, 184	3, 348	760 (Petrol)	4.4
Karrier MRX. 655 (12 cu. yds - side loader)	515	6, 180	5, 939	626	9.5
Vehicles Hired (Total)	50	600	736	91	8.1
TOTALS	3, 913	105, 341	44, 075	7, 099	6.2
<u>REFUSE DISPOSAL</u>					
	Hours Worked	Quantity of Refuse Disposed Of	Fuel Oil Used (Galls)	Hours per Gall.	
Traxcavator	1, 894	110, 295 (including Trade Refuse)	1, 265	1.5	
Chaseside	488	-	217	2.2	

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Complaints	187
Visits and Revisits	555
Works in Progress	45
Moveable Dwellings	215
Water Supplies	11
Refuse Collection and Disposal	129
Infectious Diseases	289
Land Charges (Searches)	103
Markets	53
Miscellaneous	366
Interviews, Builders, etc.	76

HOUSING ACTS

Housing Inspections	36
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FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

Food Shops	139
Ice Cream Premises	21
Dairies	12
Meat Inspections	238
Butchers' Premises	97
Cafes, Restaurants, etc.	20

FACTORIES ACTS

Inspections (including Bakehouses)	31
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MISCELLANEOUS

Shops Act	117
Petroleum	21
Paper Sack Scheme	288
Public Conveniences	23
Miscellaneous	34

NOTICES SERVED

Statute	Prelim. Notices	Statutory Notices	Court Proceedings
Public Health Acts	38	5	1
Food & Drugs Act	17	-	-
Factories Act	7	-	-
Other Acts	2	-	-

HOUSING ACTS 1936-1957

During the year 11 houses were represented as "Individual Unfits" and six families were rehoused by the Council. Demolition Orders were made in respect of 6 of the houses represented. Closing Orders in respect of four and the remaining one is being acquired by the Bracknell Development Corporation.

RENT ACT 1957

During the year no applications for a Certificate of Disrepair were received.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The following licences under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, were in force up to the end of the year, to expire at the end of their existing planning consents:-

Sites of three of <u>or more caravans</u>	No. of sites 12	No. of caravans 664
Sites of less than <u>three caravans</u>	18	22

FOOD AND DRUGS

No. of Bakehouses	7
No. of Cafes and Restaurants	17
No. of Food Shops	170
No. of Licensed Premises	63

Eight cases under Section 2 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, were taken during the year as follows:-

<u>Case</u>	<u>Result</u>
1. Sale of decomposed potatoes	Discharged
2. Dirty milk bottle	Fined £5 with £5.5.0 costs
3. Sale of mouldy crumpets	Fined £20 with £5.5.0 costs
4. Glass in Milk bottle	Fined £5 with £5.5.0 costs
5. Dirty milk bottle	Fined £25 with £5.5.0 costs
6. Mouldy apple turnover	Fined £5 with £5.5.0 costs
7. Mouldy Steak and Kidney Pie	Fined £25 with £5.5.0 costs
8. Two Mouldy Steak and Kidney Pies	Fined £10 with £7.7.0 costs

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

Following a complaint about unprotected food deposited on the pavement outside shops in Bracknell in the early morning inspections were made on several occasions between 7.00 a.m. and 8.00 a.m. Photographs were taken showing the goods stacked at ground level. The firms concerned were written to requesting that this practice be discontinued, or proper protection of the food be given, and a check later showed that the traders had complied.

MILK AND DAIRIES

SAMPLES TAKEN (Milk in course of distribution to consumers)					
Particulars	No. of Samples	Methylene Blue		Phosphatase	
		Satis.	Unsatis.	Satis.	Unsatis.
Plant in Council's area	1	1	-	1	-

Samples taken by the Berkshire County Council from Pasteurising Plant either situated in the Easthampstead Rural District or outside the district but from which milk is retailed in this area:-

Particulars	No. of Samples	Methylene Blue		Test Void	Phosphatase	
		Satis.	Unsatis.		Satis.	Unsatis.
Pasteurisers in Council's area.	42	42	-	-	42	-
Pasteurisers in other districts (Milk sold in Council's area)	50	48	1	1	50	NIL

GAME LICENCES

7 Shopkeepers were registered to deal in game under the Game Act.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958

There is one slaughterhouse in the District, situated in Bracknell, licensed for small animals only.

5 slaughtermen resident in this District are licensed to operate.

DISEASE OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957

The number of persons holding licences in this District is as follows:-

(a)	The Diseases of Animals (Waste Foods) Order, 1957	9
(b)	The Diseases of Animals (Licensing of Waste Food Sterilisation Plant) Order, 1954	6

No infringements were found, and no licences were amended or re-voked during the year, the condition of plant and premises being satisfactory.

MEAT INSPECTION

The following table gives an analysis of inspection and the percentage of disease in the one slaughterhouse in this district:-

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excluding Cows		Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	-	-	-	221	23	42	-
Number inspected	-	-	-	221	23	42	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>							
Whole carcase condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis	0%	0%	0%	0%	4.3%	4.8%	0%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>							
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2.4%	0%
<u>Cysticercosis</u>							
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted for treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

UN SOUND FOOD

The following, after being examined and found unfit for human consumption were voluntarily surrendered to the Department for disposal and were destroyed by burning or burying in the appropriate manner:-

MEAT

Home Killed	191 lbs
Imported	92 lbs

VARIOUS FOODSTUFFS

Aylesbury Duck	16
Frozen Food	218 pkts
Meat	255 Tins
Vegetables	8 tins
Fish - frozen	60 pkts
Fish - fresh	49 lbs
Fruit	78 tins
Rice	10 tins
Soup	5 tins

SWIMMING POOLS

There is a Council owned swimming pool open for public use, and various private pools belonging to schools, etc., in the district. Four bacteriological samples were taken during the year which were satisfactory.

PETROLEUM ACTS 1928 and 1936

There are 80 premises licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit in the area, the total amount licensed being 263,650 gallons.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no registered common lodging houses within the area of this Council.

BERKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ACT, 1953

Section 74/75 - Licensing under these sections relates to all Public Halls and other Halls and premises used for Public Performances or Dances. The premises are inspected for safety precautions, and as a result of these inspections, licences are issued subject to conditions of safety.

Section 122 - 30 persons trading as Hawkers of Food, and 6 premises are registered under this Section.

Section 129 - the Council has adopted Byelaws regulating the hygienic conditions of premises and persons carrying on the trade of Hairdresser and Barber. 32 persons are registered by the Council under this Section.

THEATRES ACT, 1834, and CINEMATOGGRAPH ACTS 1909 and 1952.

Again the system of licensing is to control safety requirements relative to seating, fire precautions, exits, stage equipment and the like. Licenses for the performance of stage plays are issued, subject to safety conditions, on a casual basis, valid for one month. The Regal Cinema, Bracknell (closed on 14th June, 1963) did not operate as a cinema during the year.

PET ANIMALS

6 licences to keep Pet Shops were renewed during the year.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963.

This Act, which came into force on the 1st January, 1964, provides for the licensing and inspection of boarding establishments for animals (cats and dogs). Six persons were licensed during the year.

CESSPOOLS

The emptying of cesspools continued to be carried out by contract free of direct charge to the householder upon demand. Up to twelve times per year (except to premises which could connect to a sewer) was allowed as a rate charge. Additional emptyings were allowed to a few properties where exceptional difficulties were apparent. There were 485 properties serviced in the financial year ended 31st March, 1965, as follows:-

Parish	No. of properties listed.	No. of Emptyings Given	
		Properties	Emptyings
Binfield	110	91	408
Bracknell	44	31	209
Crowthorne	44	36	173
Easthampstead	25	14	45
Sandhurst	57	43	287
Warfield	104	72	247
Winkfield	255	198	1006
	639	485	2375

PAIL CLOSETS

The Council continued to undertake by contract the weekly cleansing of pail and chemical closets from private residences (other than moveable dwellings and licensed caravan sites).

PEST CONTROL

This work is carried out by a whole-time Pests Officer. During the twelve months ended 31st December, 1964, the following work was carried out under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949:-

	<u>Premises including Business Premises</u>	<u>Agricultural Premises</u>
No. of properties in District	17002	230
No. of premises inspected as a result of		
(a) Notification	696	42
(b) Survey	18	-
Total inspections carried out including re-inspections	1165	-
No. of properties inspected which were found to be infested by (a) Rats	621	42
(b) Mice	93	-
No. of infested properties treated	714	42
No. of "Block" Control schemes carried out	11	-

In addition the Pests' Officer carried out the following disinfestations:-

Wasps and Bees	80
Cockroaches and Crickets	8
Ants and Earwigs	14
Fleas and Bugs	9
Fumigations	1

OFFICES, SHOPS, AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

This Act came into operation on 18th February, 1964. The initial phase of working, up to 31st July, 1964, was concerned with issuing forms and leaflets to obtain the registrations of existing premises. After 1st August, 1964, inspections could be started. Various provisions of the Act required Regulations (e.g. sanitary conveniences, washing facilities, and dangerous machinery) which have been made, and brought into operation since the original operative date of the Act. The four Public Health Inspectors and the Medical Officer of Health were officially designated authorised officers under this Act by the Council.

Premises which are not yet registered will be dealt with as inspections proceed - it is thought likely that there are about 150 to 200 such premises. Very few inspections had been made up to 31st December, 1964 (only 4), and the number of premises registered at that date was as follows:-

Class of Workplace	No. of premises registered during the year.	No. of persons employed
Offices	108	2,138
Retail Shops	179	958
Wholesale Shops	9	88
Catering Establishments	26	248
Fuel Storage Depots	5	10
TOTAL	327	3,442
TOTAL MALES		1,640
TOTAL FEMALES		1,802

Accidents require detailed investigation, recording, and reporting to the Ministry, and one report was received and investigated up to 31st December, 1964.

NOISE NUISANCES

Following complaints from residents in Winkfield about nuisance from noise from barking dogs at a boarding kennels, a statutory notice was served, which eventually led to the Council taking a Court case. This was heard on 19th August, 1964, at Ascot Court, but the case was dismissed by the Magistrates. The procedure laid down for Local Authorities in the Noise Abatement Act used in conjunction with Part II of the Public Health Act, 1936, is not particularly suited to such subjective noise effects as barking of dogs. The more effective procedure would be for persons aggrieved to seek relief at Common Law by way of an Injunction. The complainants were so advised in the case referred to above.

A case was also taken at Bracknell Magistrates Court on 11th August, 1964, against an Ice Cream Salesman under the provisions of the Noise Abatement Act for noise nuisance on three occasions, and the defendant was fined £1.0.0. on each of the charges, and ordered to pay costs of £3.3.0.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT - NUISANCES

A case under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936, was taken in respect of a house in Crowthorne, and was heard at the Bracknell Court on 9th June, 1964. The defendant was fined £5.0.0. and an Abatement Order was made for the work to be completed within 56 days.

Also a case was heard at Ascot Court on 22nd July, 1964, against a pig farmer for causing a nuisance from pig-farm sewage. The defendant pleaded guilty, and an Abatement Order for the work to be completed within 56 days was made, plus legal costs of £5.5.0.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	12	1	13	NIL
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	137	30	NIL	NIL
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	1	NIL	1	NIL
TOTAL	150	31	14	NIL

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

	Number of cases in which defects were found.			No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.	
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H. M. Inspector	By H...M. Inspector	
	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S. 1)	NIL	NIL	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S. 1)	NIL	NIL	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S. 3)	NIL	NIL	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S. 4)	NIL	NIL	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S. 7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	2	NIL	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	NIL	NIL	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	NIL	NIL	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	8	4	-	-	-
TOTAL	10	4	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of work	No. of Outworkers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	Section 110		No. instances of work in unwholesome premises	Section 111	
		No. cases of default in sending list to Council	No. prose- cutions for failure to supply lists		Notices served	Prosecu- tions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing apparel making, etc.	37	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	37	-	-	-	-	-

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